

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1095

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKER'S COMPENSATION; AMENDING SECTION 72-803, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH CERTAIN FEES SHALL BE ADJUSTED EACH YEAR BY PROVIDING THAT THE FEES SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION AND TO DELETE ARCHAIC VERBIAGE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 72-803, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

72-803. CLAIMS OF ATTORNEYS AND PHYSICIANS AND FOR MEDICAL AND RELATED SERVICES – APPROVAL. Claims of attorneys and claims for medical services and for medicine and related benefits shall be subject to approval by the commission; provided however, that fees for physician services shall be set using relative value units from the current year resource based relative value system (RBRVS) as it is modified from time to time, multiplied by conversion factors to be determined by the commission in rule. Factors will be set for, at least, the following CPT code areas: medicine, surgery, physical medicine, radiology, anesthesia and pathology. The fees shall be adjusted each year ~~using the same methodology as set forth in section 56-136, Idaho Code~~ by the commission. In cases where RBRVS units are not available or have no relation to industrial claims, relative value units for fees for physician services shall be determined by the commission. ~~Initial conversion factors shall be determined by the commission no later than January 1, 2006, to be effective April 1, 2006.~~